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Haliburton vets here to help

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

You see them all the time. Those little kits in toy stores for kids dreaming of becoming veterinarians one day. It's a common answer, for our little humans, when asked what they would like to be when they grow up.

But did you know that veterinarians have one of the highest suicide rates amongst any other career? Constant demand, long hours, inevitable burnout, and emotional tolls play a huge part in the quality of life for veterinarians across the country. Dr. Aimée Filion, the owner of Haliburton Vet Services (HVS), wants to change that. "My general rule is that you need to be kind, need to be accommodating, and need to be helpful," Filion said. "Burning out is not an option here."

Filion took over the practice in 2018 when founding veterinarian, Dr. Laurie Brown, retired. Filion had originally joined HVS in 2012, and instantly fell in love with the area after developing a close friendship with Brown, which she maintains today. "When I first started, we had a pretty small team here," Filion noted, "but I have tried to make it my goal, every year, to upgrade something at the clinic."

This includes surgical rooms, dental X-Rays, and cardiac ultrasounds, to name a few. "We're so far away from a bigger centre," Filion said, "and what people are expecting from vets has really changed over the years, so that care needs to be so much higher, and we need to be able to provide that to the best of our abilities."

Filion originally hailed from the Ottawa region, and attended school at the University of Ottawa, then the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph. She has a deep love for animals, and has always been drawn to the career of veterinary services. "The thing I love most is a complicated medical case. I love putting the puzzle together, and then seeing the look on people's faces when their animals are better," she said.

The HVS owner spent over a decade as an on-call, mixed animal veterinarian, before she had her daughter, at which point she noted that she needed to create some boundaries in an effort to be present for her child. "I had to make some personal and family choices, and those choices still stand today," she confirmed.

That being said, Filion intends to share her experience and wisdom with her ever-growing team at HVS. "I recognize there's a need," she said, "and I am trying to pass that knowledge down."

Filion has grown the team at the HVS to a total of 19 staff members, including five veterinarians. With the expanding team comes a growing amount of knowledge, resulting in a variety of topics covered for the 18,000 patients the clinic services across the county.

But Filion maintains her rule: no burnouts at the clinic. Upon speaking with the five vets, that work/life balance became clear. Dr. Alex Durfy has been a vet for 14 years now. "Finding that balance has been a big reason I joined this clinic," she said. "It's given me back my life, and my enjoyment of the job. This clinic is very respectful. Very ethical." The other vets agreed: burnouts ran rampant at past jobs, and having a team who understands that is key.

"Every job I had before ended in burnout," said Dr. Asia Lemachko. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, she was working in Vietnam, but knew she needed a change. She had reached out to Filion when she noted an open position at the HVS, and the two instantly hit it off. Despite being a registered veterinarian for 12 years in Ukraine, Belarus, and Vietnam, there is a significant amount of metaphorical red tape to become licensed in Ontario. She has completed four of six Ontario required exams while working as a restricted license vet, and is anxiously waiting for the opportunity to complete the requirements and receive her full license to work locally. But to her, it is all worth it. "There is a balance here that I never had before," she said.

Dr. Sydney Graham joined the HVS right out of post-secondary, and has a special interest in exotics; including rabbits, hamsters, and birds. She's now been with the clinic for two years, and has no intention of going anywhere else. "It's been so great," she said. "There are so many people here with so much experience and perspectives, and I learn a lot from them." Graham noted that medicine is as much an art as it is a science, and she applies that to her patients on a regular basis.

Dr. Jessica Patterson had just started at the clinic, a mere few weeks ago. She joined because she was experiencing "mega burnout" at her past clinic, and was looking for a change. "I have found the staff really open, really welcoming, it's been so great so far," she said.

On Oct. 1, 2014, Dr. Nicole McArthur started a Facebook group called Not One More Vet, or NOMV. It was founded in response to the heartbreaking suicide of renowned veterinarian, Dr. Sophia Yin. The Facebook group quickly snowballed into an active social media community, where fellow veterinarians could share their stories, their heartbreaks, their journeys amongst like-minded individuals. The online forum now has over 40,000 members, and has acted as a lifeline for struggling vets in the demanding industry.

You can access the suicide prevention hotline by dialing 988 anywhere in Canada.

Filion noted that vets are so much more than doctors for your pets. They are educators, therapists, and students themselves; always teaching, always listening, always learning. "When you hurt, we hurt as well," she said.

"We have an amazing team," closed Filion, as she looked around the room to her fellow veterinarians, who each seemed at ease and comfortable after sharing their stories of burnouts from the past, "and we have experiences that bring us together."

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Nature's ecological services

RICK WHITTEKER
County Life Contributor

I have recently been introduced to the concept of ecological services. These services represent the total of all the direct and indirect benefits that people derive from healthy ecosystems. Within this simple statement, there is much to unpack.

Ecological services are commonly broken down into four categories that include provisioning, regulating, supporting and cultural services. Provisioning is the easiest to understand, with nature providing us with the raw materials we need to survive including food from soil, lakes and oceans, medicines from plants, shelter from trees, steel from iron ore and fresh water from ground water, lakes and rivers. Nature supplies the raw material from which we manufacturer products to meet all our needs, thereby providing the basis to our economy.

Ecological regulating services are those roles that nature supports that provide the quality control of the air, water and the climate. One of the best examples of this is the role wetlands play; they provide a wide range of regulatory services. While some people see wetlands as unproductive wastelands, they play a key role as environmental regulators.

Bittern- Wetlands support a wide range of ecological services including biodiversity. /photo by Rick Whitteker

The ecological services of wetlands are easily overlooked until they are needed. Wetlands tend to mitigate flooding by soaking up and swelling when excessive water is in the system. This extra moisture is slowly released into the surrounding ecosystem once conditions become drier. Wetlands also provide filtration services, purifying water by slowing water flow down and allowing contaminants, like phosphorus and nitrogen to settle in the wetland substrate. Unique aquatic plants, like cattail, absorb toxic nutrients.

Plant matter decomposes in wetlands very slowing, especially in bogs, and builds up into what we call peat. Peat is sequestered carbon. This stored carbon is released slowly into the atmosphere, helping to stabilize our climate. Wetlands are also particularly important for migrating waterfowl and a host of other wildlife who rely on these aquatic environments for rest from migration, breeding, feeding, and shelter. Wetlands contribute to the stabilizing influence of ecological biodiversity.

The County of Haliburton experienced significant flooding in 2013 and again in 2019. A state of emergency was declared and there was finger pointing at Parks Canada regarding the management of water through the dam system, especially in the Gull River watershed. We now depend on human made infrastructure; however, our water management issues are exacerbated by our habit of filling in or degrading our wetland environments which provide flood mitigation services for free!

Our forests provide the raw materials for many important products we need but they also provide invaluable support to other ecological services. Trees provide cooling shade, promote rainfall through transpiration, support biodiversity and help regulate air pollution. Forests have a major influence on climate as they store carbon and other greenhouse gases. They are the engine of global oxygen production through photosynthesis and play a key role in the water cycle, nutrient cycle, soil formation and erosion control.

Insects and other pollinators also provide critical ecological support services. About 75 per cent of all flowering plants and about 35 per cent of all food crops need pollinators to produce. Protecting our pollinators is a vital environmental action we can all take, thereby supporting the important ecological service they provide.

Finally, a walk in the woods, a paddle, birdwatching, a trail ride or lakeside lounging all provide mental and physical health benefits. By foot or motorized, time in nature is restorative.

These non-material benefits provide us with a sense of place and a feeling of being centred or grounded. Finding spiritual connections in nature calms our mind, slows our breathing and helps us feel connected to something that eases stress and fosters peacefulness. As we become more urban and our lives are more sped up and complicated, the cultural ecological service of nature plays an essential role in our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Understanding the ecological services of nature helps us to realize the importance in finding a balance between the needs of humanity and the importance of protecting functioning ecosystems which provide these essential life sustaining services.

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Make a plan

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

I LIKE TO plan; I have to-do lists and goals and journals and all sorts of tools to try to make sense of my busy days. I have long term goals and short-term strategies. For all my planning and listing though I can never be sure what news or challenge each week is going to bring. I can have my calendar all mapped out and find myself completely redirected after a single phone call or email that takes my day and sometimes my week in a different direction.

So, knowing how often my plans go amuck, I continue to plan and list out my tasks and try to remember all that I must follow up on. Why is that? I think for the most part experience has taught me that while I cannot predict fully what awaits in any given day, my plan is something to fall back on. My list can last longer than one day and help me to refocus when the storm passes. I can still reflect on goals as I deal with the incidentals.

For the families that we support, plans are critical as they help focus activities on what a person wants to do, needs to have support in and what goals are important to keep in mind when a multitude of competing therapies or interests or challenges pile up. Community Living Trent Highlands works to create plans that have a person in the centre, choosing what is important and then the circle of support, in whatever that looks like wraps all around to make sure things happen and goals are worked toward. And when the issues arise that pull the plan off course, that same circle of support knows to go back to the plan and reflect on what comes next.

I love the quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that says - 'finish each day and be done with it.' While I know there is utility in planning around the incidental diversions, I also know that regret and worry that I did not get it all done or get it all right, serves no purpose at all.

I guess what I am thinking about is how we need to set a direction that we can go back to each time we get side tracked to a different path due to circumstances. Even when the crisis makes it necessary to alter the destination, knowing where we were planning to be can inform us about where we can adjust and change those plans to reflect the new circumstance. Emerson talks about absurdities and blunders…which I have made a few. They are in the past and I still know that my plans will get me where I need to go tomorrow or the next day.

Relentlessly onward with humanity and hope

January is in the rearview mirror, and it's time to look ahead to spring and Doc(k) Day in Haliburton!

On Saturday, April 5, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Those Other Movies is excited to bring five documentary films (four full-length and one short) to Haliburton. It is an opportunity to come together as a community to learn, reflect, and consider how to move forward in this world with hope.

The films have local and global connections to the arts, music, sports, and beautiful natural environments. The movies show many aspects of humanity - inspirational, challenging and hopeful.

The lineup for the day is:

10 a.m.: Diane *Warren: Relentless* (91 min.)

11:45 a.m.: *Save Solace* (11 min.) + Question and Answer with the director, Matt Steeves

Picnic lunch! Bring your own lunch; eat and chat together in the cafeteria.

1:30 p.m.: *Porcelain War* (87 min.)

3:30 p.m.: *Red Fever* (103 min.)

7:30 p.m.: *Beethoven's Nine: Ode to Humanity* (85 min.) + Question and Answer with director Larry Weinstein

The documentary *Diane Warren: Relentless* tells the story of a genius songwriter who has written over 400 songs for iconic artists such as Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Celine Dion, Lady Gaga, Whitney Houston, Britney Spears, and Aerosmith. From humble beginnings, she knew what she wanted to do from a young age and was relentless in pursuing her goal. Believing in herself, daring to be herself in her own way, and never quitting, Diane Warren changed "Impossible" into "I'm possible."

The short, *Save Solace* documents the work of a group advocating to stop the planned construction of a new logging road that would dissect the Solace Wildlands, the last unprotected and roadless forest in Ontario's Temagami wilderness. Joining us will be Director Matt Steeves, who specializes in cinematic storytelling and is driven by a curiosity about the human connection with the natural world.

Porcelain War tells the story of a group of artists from Ukraine who persevere against all odds. The opening scene of a peaceful field, butterflies, and painted porcelain figures contrasts strongly with the destruction caused by war in subsequent scenes. This film shows that while it's easy to make people afraid, it's much harder to destroy their passion for living. This is a beautifully shot film that explores spaces of beauty within destruction. It is a story of love, art, friendship and survival.

Red Fever follows Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond across North America and Europe to look at a multitude of ways in which Indigenous cultures have been reduced to stereotypes. With humour and honesty, he shines a light on appropriation, misappropriation and the impact on Indigenous people.

Our evening film, *Beethoven's Nine: Ode to Humanity* follows nine people around the world who are grappling with the message of hope in *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9*. We hear from a deaf composer, a Polish rock star, an author, a legendary cartoonist and the director, Larry Weinstein. We are very pleased that Mr. Weinstein will be a special guest for the screening. This latest documentary, Beethoven's Nine, turned out to be deeply personal with an unexpected event that happened during the filming. Weinstein says he believes that Beethoven wrote the ninth symphony as a love letter to humanity and a love letter to the future. The film looks at the inspiration music can provide and how humanity can continue to look for hope even in the darkest times.

It will be a full day of learning, laughter, love - and maybe even enlightenment. Tickets can be reserved online at www.thoseothermovies.com under the "online store" tab. Tickets are $35 for all five films or $30 for Season Pass holders.

For more information on Doc(k) Day in Haliburton, contact:

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Submitted

Flour power; Minden's newest restaurant ready to roll

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

The Fork + Flour Craft Kitchen in the heart of Minden opened their doors in February, and have been welcoming all those interested to try out their homemade food. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Jason Maurice needed a change.

Originally hailing from Quebec, but having grown up on the East Coast and varying parts of Ontario, Maurice knew he wanted the pace of a small town one day.

Maurice had started cooking at the age of 14, but shifted gears as he grew up to focus on carpentry. After spending years in the contracting industry, he returned to his first love; a passion for food.

He and his partner, Andrea Mousseau, found a lease opportunity in Nelson, British Columbia last spring, at a not-for-profit golf course. While this allowed Maurice to dive back into the restaurant business, it wasn't all rainbows and butterflies.

"We were chased out by the wildfires," he said, noting the tumultuous summer season the West Coast had faced, with forest fires ravaging cities by the day. It was a challenging time for many, and Maurice shared that he still experiences some post traumatic stress disorder from the event.

As he and Mousseau spent their final West Coast days packing up the kitchen at the golf course, the future uncertain, she spotted the listing for the site in Minden. Mousseau had ties to the region, so this seemed like a bright spot in a challenging time.

The couple took possession of the site on Sept. 1, 2024, and had visions of opening by October. But the state of the building had other plans. "We were headed into six months of renovations," Maurice shared, at least grateful for his background in carpentry and contracting.

They dove in head-first, and cleaned and gutted the whole building, which formerly housed Reflections Family Restaurant on Bobcaygeon Road, in the heart of Minden.

They were able to officially open the doors to the newly named Fork + Flour Craft Kitchen on Feb. 8, just in time for Valentine's Day. "It's been really good so far," said Maurice. "We haven't really advertised yet, it's all been by word of mouth. And we already have our regulars who come in every day."

Maurice shared that he doesn't want to be "pigeon-holed" by certain types of food. "I'd say we do world cuisine," he said, referencing the wide variety of dishes on the menu, including comfort foods and homemade breads and soups.

The Fork + Flour Craft Kitchen Facebook page currently has a 100 per cent approval from their reviews that are continuing to pour in. "The place has a fresh, welcoming vibe and the staff is lovely," wrote one user. "We're looking forward to enjoying more of their food - happy to have another place downtown Minden serving up different options!"

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Sesame Street

SUNNY DAY
Sweepin' the clouds away
On my way to where the air is sweet…

Did I plant the earworm?

Parents, grandparents, or just those who may be young at heart would know those words to be the opening of *Sesame Street*. This year, *Sesame Street* will celebrate 56 years on the air.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

And, like many children, I grew up with *Sesame Street*. It wasn't quite as accessible in the early 1990s as it is today. Those rabbit-eared antennae reared to mostly broadcast Canadian content, meaning that the U.S.-based *Sesame Street* was reserved for special VHS tapes and second-hand books.

These days, most full episodes are available on YouTube. The children of this era will never know the rattling anxiety associated with television shows designated to specific time slots. If we missed that window, it was gone forever.

But I digress. *Sesame Street* has found its way back into my vicinity with the addition of my son.

It went from something that was casually jingling in the background to a full family affair. While he sat with his red fuzzy Elmo doll on the floor, the other members of the household slowly but surely joined him; each captivated by the stories, the songs, the sentiment of *Sesame Street.* Maybe we hadn't outgrown it after all? The need to feel seen, feel heard, feel loved.

And something that's refreshing about *Sesame Street,* is that even in 56 years, it's always been different. Yes, characters have come and gone. But messages about childhood and magic and letters of the day stay strong. You are a part of their colourful family, no matter who you are.

And in every episode, they manage to change it up somehow.

This is something that I have found particularly interesting, as I have been trying to navigate the day-to–day with a toddler.

This may sound strange, but when I was on maternity leave, I remember wondering what we were supposed to do all day, just me and him.

He doesn't talk yet. Barely walks. His interests are still firming up and forming together.

What am I supposed to do?

But *Sesame Street* taught me that there's no end to the magic that children are capable of. In 56 years, there is always room to grow, to learn, to change, to adapt.

Some episodes are about dinosaurs, about mechanics. Some have a focus on dancers, or farm animals. There are different languages taught, different skin colours represented, different learning styles featured, different abilities present.

When *Sesame Stree*t first came on the air, it was highly controversial. By 1970, it was banned in the state of Mississippi, due to "highly [racially] integrated cast of children", which the state deemed it was not ready for.

But *Sesame Stree*t has never slowed down. It has continued to showcase diversity and truth to the minds of our next generations. And most importantly, it has continued to learn.

As the world twists and turns, making room for everyone who deserves to be seen, be heard, and be loved, *Sesame Street* has always advocated for the little ones.

The ones who are sometimes overlooked, whose voices aren't loud enough yet, who are seen as not quite enough. Not yet.

But the reality is that these kids who watch *Sesame Street* are more present, more kind, more patient, and more caring than many, many adults I know. Including a select few individuals who hold high positions of power.

We could all learn a little something from *Sesame Street.*

Top 10 reasons February only has 28 days

NOW THAT February is in the rear-view mirror, enquiring minds are probably mulling over the question: why does it have less days than most other months? Well, it's complicated but here are my top 10 theories.

1. Ozempic
2. One day was fired, and one of its days only shows up to work every four years.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

3. January and March stole one day when February wasn't looking.
4. As months go, February has always been an underachiever.
5. Even February just wants to get it over with.
6. It has a shorter lifespan due to living its entire existence in the worst weather of the year.
7. Valentine's Day always makes February feels much longer.
8. February's creator hired an efficiency expert.
9. This is a month that truly believes it's not the time you have, but what you do with it.
10. February was built on the Friday of a long weekend.

Riverbank

Pieces of River seeping through the skin of ice, resurfacing into the world of Air and light,
puddles of River, black as the wings of crows that flap over it, Wind carrying their caws along the riverbank,
where I stand among the boulders, their heads and shoulders,
hatching from the Snow, like prehistoric eggs,
bulging from the riverbank, the only Home they've ever known, long before this River flowed,
Wind skimming their bald heads, as I cup my face up towards the smudge of Sun and its lunar glow,
the warmth of this Wind, a reprieve from the cold, as I inhale gusts of it blowing past,
a balm for my Breath that breathes with ease, the weight of winter, that's slumped my shoulders,
heavy as the boulders on the riverbank, slowly lifting, the weather, shifting, as Snow melts into Rain,
on its journey between Sky and earth, the River, awakening, as cracks and fissures form in the ice,
its skin, thinning, as the vein of black River slithers beneath it, waiting to gush and flow,
the boulders, still observers, as ice and Snow melt all around them, rooted to the riverbank,
older than the willows, whose branches, limp as string,
sway in this warm Wind, that weaves its way along the riverbank,
my eyes sweeping along the River, and its patches of black, waiting for the thaw,
the rawness of these days, of Snow and Rain, as spring births its way into the world again,
the earth still cloaked in Snow, the branches of trees, bare,
feeling the warmth of this day as Wind grazes their bark,
an extra hour of light as the earth emerges from darkness, and the River readies for the rush of its flow,
after the season of its sleeping, hushed by ice and Snow,
the unsteady rhythm of these newborn spring days,
winter prowling around its edges, waiting to snatch it away,
I clamber onto a boulder, inhaling the fleeting warmth of this Wind, cherishing this single day,
where I dare to unbutton my coat, wearing one less layer, as Air strokes my cheeks,
and the light lures my eyes up towards Sky, the smudge of Sun peeping through a cluster of clouds,
silent as the River that's seeping through the thinning skin of ice and Snow,
waiting to flow through the world again, while the boulders flank its banks, where the willows grow,
their yellowed strands blowing in the Wind, that roams the riverbank, restless and rootless,
searching for Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

Red hats and mockingbirds

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

I APPRECIATE mockingbirds and all their voices, but do they actually sing their very own song? They definitely do! They use a distinctive 'chewp' to defend their territory. Ornithologists have concluded that they also learn complex combinations of other birdsong within their vocal range in order to impress and attract. Nature sure is inventive when it comes to bravado!

But when humans overdo bravado, it can quickly get creepy. Out of balance. Unfair. We notice this as children, first within family, and later at school. Even birth order and sibling rivalry snake through the decades into our complicated adulthoods. Type A tactics versus other personalities. Haves versus Have-nots. Yin-Yang. Aggressor-Protector. Like mockingbirds, we compete within a noisy universe, inheriting our random cocktails of identity, and applying our own checks and balances to however we adapt along the way. Nature-Nurture.

Most of us experience creepy mockery beyond childhood. It's what some humans have to do to survive. We're essentially vulnerable, and as in all biology, seek survival and safety. Some of us aren't at ease with others' aggression. We get confused. When ridicule is thrown in, it's unpleasant for every target, whether our skin is thick or extra-thin. Survival is about how to understand human nature, and to navigate its darkness. We need to explain all this to our kids.

Today's politicking feels particularly creepy. Self-aggrandizing, name-calling - even on PrimeTime TV. Fabricated, distorted, nasty, triggering stuff. Like a schoolyard bully who gathers momentum with weaker cronies through taunting the decent. Impress and attract…

Hmmm …what was actually wrong with the weird warm woollen hat my grandmother once sent me from Lapland? I was eight, and I loved it. Loved her. But I got laughed at, and I never wore it again.

That was more than teasing. Mockery's spiteful. When we get older, and supposedly tougher, mockery is still a sharp and pointed weapon. In power politics, it sways the masses. The bully gets the birdseed. Is this nervously laughable, or simply, desirably, the fittest getting to survive? We're nature after all.

When a wounded ego humiliates, it's usually because its own skin is impossibly thin. We're an atom's distance from brutality, from pecking-order carnage at the feeders. Depends on size of beak, blinders, rage or ego. My vote is on the smaller, plainer birds, the patient ones, those with trust, collaboration, peace and awareness. Those who love these woods, and fluff their feathers against Canadian winter to feel as secure and cozy as my old Sámi hat. It too has wings, traditional ear flaps for both purpose and beauty. Embroidered, red, proud of its long and mostly harmonious northern heritage, it represents to this day the original voice of Finland's Indigenous People.

Sound connected? True? Familiar? Canadians also hold privilege and pride of land. We dislike aggressors and show-offs. We generously sing the songs of many. We prefer harmony and respect. Mocking is for sore losers. I still have my Lapland hat somewhere. Wish it fit.

Celebrate Earth Month at Repair Café

This Earth Month, let's make a positive impact on our planet together! Join us for our next Repair Café, a wonderful event where we keep perfectly good items out of landfills and extend the life of cherished items – all while learning new skills and connecting with others.

Instead of throwing it away, let's fix it! Bring your broken items and watch as our talented team of volunteer fixers works their magic to repair them – absolutely free! It's a great opportunity to learn hands-on repair techniques and make a difference in preserving our planet's resources.

We welcome a variety of items, including small appliances, ceramics, toys, furniture, jewelry, textiles, computers, bicycles, and more. Whatever it is, our experts are ready to help try to give it a second life!

Mark your calendars: Our next Repair Café is Sunday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. And remember, every first Sunday of the month from April to October, we'll be here doing our part for the planet!

Get involved! We're always looking for volunteers who love to fix things and share their knowledge with others. If you're a fixer at heart, join us and help others keep their items in use while reducing waste!

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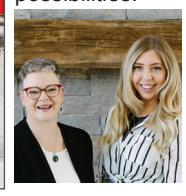

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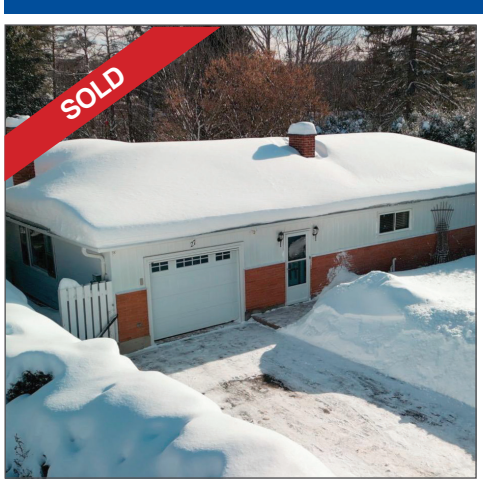

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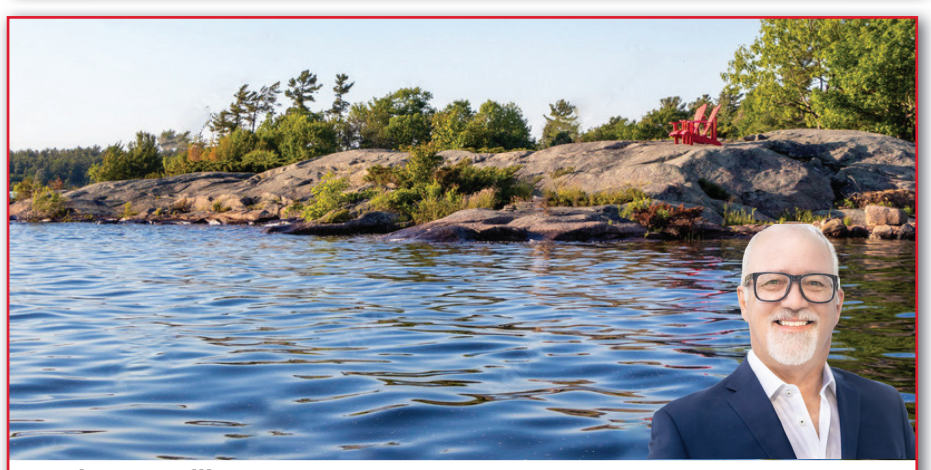

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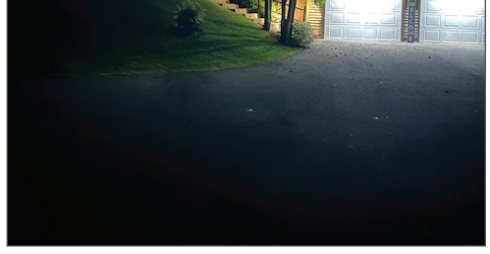

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Stuffie Sleepover a huge success

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Stuffies look for DVDs to watch at the Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Stuffies look for deer friends at Head Lake Park.

This March Break, the Haliburton County Public Libraries hosted their first ever Stuffie Sleepover event. For this event, youth brought their stuffed animal to their closest Haliburton County Public Library branch. The three branches that hosted the sleepovers included Minden on Monday, March 10, Haliburton on Tuesday, March 11, and Stanhope on Friday, March 14.

Shawna Gamblen, Programming and Outreach Coordinator for Haliburton County Public Library planned the event for the stuffies, basing it on similar events held at libraries across Ontario.

For many youth and their stuffies, this was the first time that their stuffies had spent the night away from home.

Plushies were brought to the libraries from youth and their family during regular library hours.

With the help of Gamblen, the Minden Times was granted exclusive interview permission with the stuffies.

When the stuffies were brought to the library, their owners tucked them into beds, specially made for them at each hosting library branch. Stuffies had beds set up on the fireplace in Minden, on the shelf in Haliburton, and on the Kids' book shelf in Stanhope.

"I really liked being tucked in by the fireplace," said Charmander. "As a fire Pokemon, I felt right at home."

Once the library was closed to the public and everyone was gone, the stuffies were free to explore the library branches.

The stuffies that stayed overnight at the Haliburton branch spent time playing games on the computer, creating bookmarks for the bookmark design contest, playing with Snap Circuits, running through the parachute, exploring storytime props, completing the library's scavenger hunt, adding leaves to the Forest of Reading Tree, and looking out the window for deer in Head Lake Park.

"One time, I thought I saw a deer outside, but it turned out that it was just Moosey sitting in front of me," said Grace, the Spider Monster.

Being an electric Pokemon, Pikachu says that playing with the Snap Circuits was the best part of the sleepover in Haliburton.

Stuffies that participated in the Stuffie Sleepover in Haliburton included Grace the Spider Monster, Fluffy the Bunny, Coper the hotdog, Elmo, Moosey, Pikachu, Baby Sushi the Shark, Baby Gary the Panda, Skye, Piggy.

"I was a bit scared of the dark," said Coper, the hotdog. "But being next to my new friend Pikachu made it better."

Stuffies that slept overnight at the Minden branch enjoyed storytime, playing with the big blue blocks, playing with the photocopier, returning their books, learning to play ukulele, reading books, playing with storytime props, returning their books, and playing with Lego.

Stuffies that stayed in the Minden branch included Sonic, Bowly the Frog, Crazy Frog, Lea Von Bubbles the Wolf, Pig Pillow the Pig, Meadow the dog, Charmander, Cinnamon Bun the dog, and Marshall the dog.

"I really liked the photocopier," said Marshall, the dog. "We could make photocopies of each other while making silly faces."

"The stuffies were wonderful," said Gamblen. "They respected all of the rules of the library and didn't make too much of a mess."

Stuffies that slept overnight at the Stanhope branch enjoyed crafting at the craft corner and looking for fire trucks at the Stanhope Fire Station in addition to reading, returning their books, and playing with Lego.

Stuffies that slept over at the Stanhope branch included Cheetah, Shadow the bear, Mr. Bear, Kitty, George the monkey, Owly the Owl, Bunbun the Bunny, and Spider-Man.

I love hearing the sirens of the firetrucks go by," said Owly.

The Stuffie Sleepover was a roaring success at each of the library's branches, says Gamblen. Every participant received a special sleepover certificate. Due to the popularity of the event for both youth and the stuffies, Gamblen says that they will be offering an additional Stuffie Sleepover event day in the summer.

With no costs for the event, Gamblen hopes that the event encourages more families and their children (and their stuffies) to visit the library and use their variety of services. The Haliburton County Public Library branches try their best to reduce barriers of access, while providing safe, welcoming, and nurturing places for everyone.

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email emily@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

Mallards by Jill Moulton

A deer sticking out her tongue by Tammy Nash

Red squirrel by Jill Moulton

River Otter by Jill Moulton

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs) Ladies Darts 7:30 p.m. (downstairs)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a weekly supper special. Canteen opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
Please follow our Facebook page - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. Do you need a space to host an event: book our hall today, call 705-488-3462 and leave a message or call Teresa at 705-928-7105.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 6 p.m., Thursday: 7 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28 – Darts, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Darts, $4/player, 2 p.m.
Thursdays -March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 Cornhole, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Fridays -April 4, 18, Fish & Chips, 5 to 8 p.m. $15 - 1 piece, $20 - 2 pieces
March 27 - HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
March 28 - Wings and Jam Session, $15/lb, 5 to 8 p.m.
March 28 - Seniors 55+ Lunch, $17, 12 pm
Saturdays - March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26 Meat Draw, 3 p.m.
Sunday - April 13, LA Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m., $10
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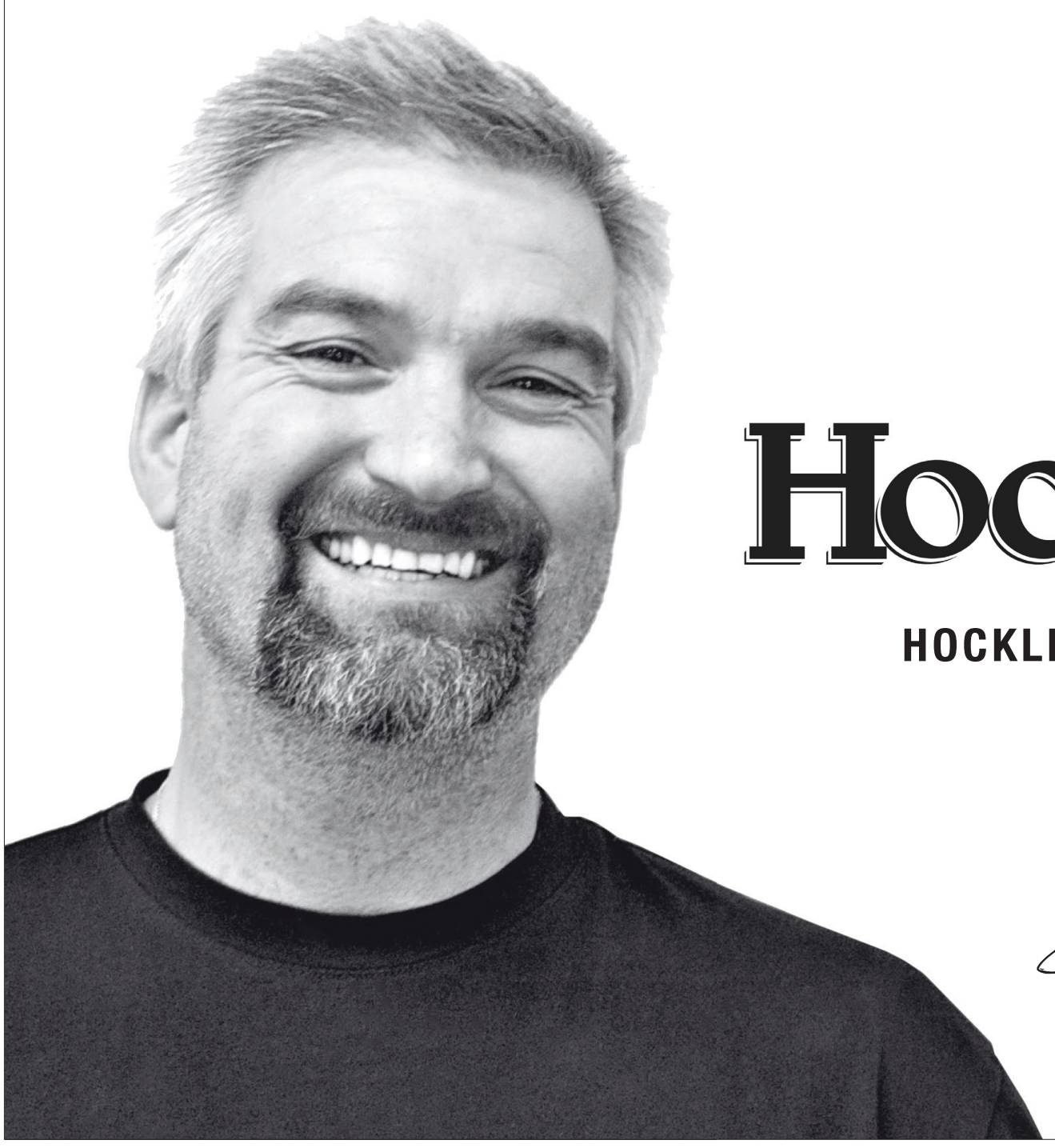

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HHOA Wild Game Dinner
When: Saturday, March 29, Bar opens at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Tickets: $50.00 person
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How to Create a Micromeadow
When: Apr. 1, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St.
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Youth Unlimited Gym Night
When: Apr 4 - Sports and 9 Square 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
For Grades 6-12. For more info contact haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

The Loop Troupe Little Theatre presents Riches and Ransom Dinner Theatre
When: Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce
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Recurring events

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library New Book Nook Hours
When: 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
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TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
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Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room
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Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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Bid Euchre
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street
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Cards/Euchre/Cribbage
When: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
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When: Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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Assistance sought from Ministry of Health

Underserviced area request endorsed

by Jerry Grozelle

The municipality will seek the help of the Ministry of Health in attempting to resolve the shortage of doctors in Minden.

Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed a resolution asking the Ministry of Health to designate the municipality an "Underserviced Area".

The Underserviced Area Program is administered by the Ministry of Health to provide financial incentives to recruit health care professionals to practise in areas of Ontario designated as underserviced.

Council considers this area underserviced since St. Joseph's Hospital has deemed it necessary to close the emergency services administered from the Minden Hospital, for a total of 40 hours per week, because there is a lack of doctors to provide on-call emergency services.

Council, and the community are making every effort to entice physicians to the area.

In its resolution, council pointed out that the Minden Hospital provides health care for a tourist area with numerous municipalities, from various counties. It was also emphasized that: "From the months of May to October, the influx of summer residents increases the population serviced by the Minden Hospital by thousands, thereby creating an even greater need for immediate restored emergency services and further intensifies the severe impact of this situation, that resulted from a lack of physicians."

Copies of the resolution are being sent to Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson and to the St. Joseph's Hospital Board or their support.

Development approved

Council passed a resolution agreeing in principle to a site plan submitted by Mark Coles regarding proposed development associated with the purchase of the Ogopogo Lodge property on Mountain Lake.

Council inspected the site plan at last Thursday's meeting.

"I'm pleased to see that the septic system has been moved to the back of the property, away from the lake," said reeve Jeanne Anthon.

Agreement in principle was granted on the conditions that parking be upgraded to municipal standards, that a site plan agreement is entered into with the purchaser, and that final health approval is obtained.

During council's discussions it was agreed that two other provisions: namely, that the two existing cabins be relocated to meet municipal setback specifications; and that planning fees be

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Modern-day gladiators battle it out with what one observer described as over-sized Q-Tips, during HHSS spirit week activities. For a report on the fun and games at the high school, see page 19. (Photo by Misty Bennett)

Number of boards studied

by Andrew Milne

Minister of Education and Training Dave Cooke announced February 23 that the number of boards of education in Ontario would be reduced by 40 to 50 percent.

But it is unclear at this point whether this will affect the Haliburton board.

In the same announcement, Cooke announced initiatives apparently aimed at controlling administrative costs within boards, and at decreasing the number of trustees.

The administrative officers of the Haliburton board, along with administrative officers from across the province met with Cooke the same day to discuss the plan. Director of education Brad Saunders, superintendent of business Jim Bradley, and superintendent of education Dale Robinson returned from To-

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Happy with Highlands Hospitality

Happy to say Hello or Howdy in the Haliburton Highlands, participants in the Women on Snow weekend form a giant H with their machines before heading out for the first day's trail ride. The Hospitality shown during the weekend quickly convinced more than 100 to pre-register for next year's event.

by Carol Moffatt

They came, they rode, and they raised more than $14,000 for Easter Seals. The first visit of Women on Snow roared into the Highlands last weekend (Feb. 17, 18, 19) and, from all accounts, was a resounding success.

Sixty-three year old Marie McDonald was one of the oldest riders last weekend. Hailing from the Ottawa Valley area, McDonald was riding with her longtime sledding partner Elda Cook, 63, and her daughter-in-law Kim, 37.

"They fussed over us all week. When I left, my husband only said to have fun and check the oil," said McDonald, the elder, with a laugh.

"My husband was so relaxed he left to go fishing, so I got a couple of goodlooking young guys in my neighbourhood to load my sled for me," added Cook, with a wink.

For them, the weekend in Haliburton was well worth the visit.

"Fantstic, and really well organized," were two terms they used to describe their ex-

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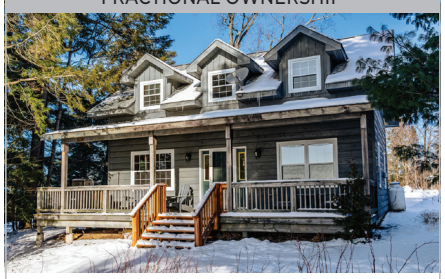

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